

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 07-12-04**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 3, 2007
Commission Meeting: December 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.6.81 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-09, Residence and Business Customer Incentive Programs – Discuss any and all matters associated with this docket and receive direction concerning the final order. (12/4/07)
2. Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS) – Authorize Bryan Baldwin to open a regulator account with M-RETS on behalf of the Commission and for staff to participate as necessary in M-RETS activities. (12/4/07)
3. D2007.6.65 – Energy West Montana – Universal system benefits charge tracker – Discuss/act on default order. (12/4/07)
4. D2007.7.79 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service – Review draft interim order, direction. (12/4/07)
5. D2007.5.49 – MT Associates, LLC and AquaFlo, LLC – Joint Application for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of Business Assets and Service Authority – Consider and act on motion to approve the transfer. (12/4/07)
6. D2007.11.131 – Whitehall Wind LLC – Complaint regarding NorthWestern Energy's Failure to Comply with Federal and State Requirements for Publishing Avoided Cost Information – Discuss noticing the complaint pursuant to ARM 38.2.2104. (12/4/07)
7. L-07.10.3-RUL (Pipeline Safety), L-07.05.1-RUL (Protective Order Rules) – Approve adoption notices that must be filed on 12/10/07. (12/4/07)
8. L-07.5.2-RUL – Commission Initiated – QF rulemaking – Discuss and act on proposed QF rules. (12/4/07)

Other Meetings

12/4/07 1:30 p.m. – Ronan Telephone Company informational meeting (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. ENERGY WEST INC. D2007.11.137 (Eric)

On November 21, 2007, EW filed an application seeking approval to issue over a two-year period Common Stock in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

2. Sprint Communications Company N2007.11.136 (Scott)

On November 20, 2007, Sprint filed changes to its Montana P.S.C. Price List. In this filing Sprint is requesting to: 1.) Discontinue the Business Rewards program; 2.) Delete obsolete services; 3.) Grandfather the remaining Residential Toll Free options as the entire service is no longer offered; 4.) Continue Sprint's standardization efforts by moving cards which are no longer offered to the No Longer Offered list; 5.) Introduce several prepaid phone cards; 6.) Remove Hospitality Connection, Hospitality Connection Plus and Hospitality Connection 2000 services, which services have no customers subscribing to them; and 7.) Make miscellaneous housekeeping changes to clarify the availability of Basic MTS for Business and Residential customers. Sprint respectfully requests for this tariff filing to become effective December 18, 2007.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person

wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) N2007.11.138 (AI)

On November 28, 2007, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that will be provided as part of its Electric Procurement Plan. Specifically, NWE seeks protection of specific percentages of forecasted supply that will be purchased by NWE, the timelines on which the purchases are to occur, and trigger points at which NWE proposes to purchase supply in corresponding percentages for future delivery. NWE asserts that the information is trade secret.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2007.11.134 – Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana Limited Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – Application for Approval of Wireless Interconnection and Compensation Agreement

D2007.11.135 – Central Montana Communications, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular Limited Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – Application for Approval of Wireline Interconnection and Compensation Agreement

N2007.11.136 – Sprint Nextel – Revisions to Sprint Communications Company L.P. Montana P.S.C. Price List No. 1

D2007.11.137 – Energy West, Incorporated – Application for Authorization to Issue Securities

N2007.11.138 - NorthWestern Energy – 2007 Electric Supply Procurement Plan (Motion for Protective Order only; see Protective Order Notice Item above.)

